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LETTER DATED 27 MAY 1994 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of Mr. Hassan A. Hassanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic, I have the honour to inform you of the following.

On 20 May 1994 Azerbaijan signed an Agreement for the Strengthening of the Cease-fire Regime, drawn up by Mr. Y. Eliasson, Chairman of the Minsk Group (see annex).

Azerbaijan, devoted to the principle of the peaceful settlement of disputes, is in fact demonstrating its firm intention to settle the conflict with Armenia by peaceful means on the basis of the well-known resolutions of the Security Council.

The Armenian side thus far has not consented to sign that document, in spite of the many statements of its representatives concerning Armenia's devotion to the cause of establishing peace.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Agreement on the Strengthening of the Cease-fire Regime

As a result of the mediation efforts of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and of the Russian Federation with a view to the early cessation of the armed conflict, an Agreement on the Strengthening of the Cease-fire Regime, agreed upon by the representatives of Azerbaijan, Armenia and Nagorny Karabakh, has been arrived at and entered into force on 12 May 1994.

The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is requested to deploy without delay an observer mission for the maintenance of the cease-fire regime (see appendix).

The Commonwealth of Independent States and the Russian Federation are requested to take part, together with the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, in carrying out the observation.

It is expected that the negotiations concerning an agreement on the cessation on the armed conflict and the elimination of its consequences will be completed by 29 May 1994, with a view to ensuring the irreversibility of the peace process and implementing Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993) and 884 (1993).

In the event of violation of the cease-fire regime, the direct violators and their immediate superiors shall immediately be called to account by their commands.

This Agreement shall enter into force 24 hours after its signature.

For Azerbaijan:

(Signed) A. DJALILOV

(Signed) N. SALYKHOV

For Armenia:

For Nagorny Karabakh:

(Signed) A. GUKASIAN

Appendix

Plan for deploying the observer mission of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

Not later than three days after the entry into force of this Agreement, a group of 34 observers of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) shall arrive in the area with a view to maintaining the cease-fire regime and verifying its implementation.

Provision is made for the immediate establishment of a Joint Coordinating Commission (JCC) headed by the leader of the CSCE mission and including representatives of the parties. The JCC shall work out the machinery for the disengagement of forces on the basis of the concept of reducing troop concentrations and deactivating heavy armaments.

Not later than 14 days after the entry into force of this Agreement, the total number of CSCE observers in the area shall be increased to 66 persons. They shall carry out the functions of maintaining the cease-fire regime and verifying its implementation, monitoring the disengagement of forces and the deactivation of heavy armaments and also other tasks entrusted to them by the JCC, including assistance in mine-clearing.

This shall be followed by the carrying out of the subsequent phases of the rapid deployment of the observer mission. All observers shall carry out their functions in accordance with their mandate on the basis of the "mandate of the observer mission" of 1 March 1993, agreed upon by the Minsk Group of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Provision is also made for the conduct of observations by the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Russian Federation.